



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name

LAWERENCE LENDERMAN MD

Respondent Name

TPCIGA FOR ULLICO CASUALTY CO

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-15-1565-01

Carrier's Austin Representative

Box Number 50

MFDR Date Received

January 27, 2015

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: No position statement received from the requestor.

Amount in Dispute: \$5,000.00

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "TPCIGA did not receive a request for reconsideration for this medical bill. When the bill was processed, TPCIGA's bill review vendor data entered an incorrect year for the date of service. If the date of service had been data entered correctly, this bill would have also been denied as not timely filed. The date of service of the bill is 4/26/12, TPCIGA did not receive this bill until 09/17/13. Therefore, the bill was not submitted to TPCIGA within 95 days from the date service. Not only are the charges beyond the timeframe to be submitted for reconsideration, they are also beyond the timeframe to be submitted for MDR; therefore, further consideration is not warranted."

Response Submitted by: Texas Property & Casualty Insurance Guaranty Association

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
July 26, 2012	CPT Code 29880 LT	\$5,000.00	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - 197 – Precertification/authorization/notification absent

Issue

1. Did the requestor waive the right to medical fee dispute resolution?

Findings

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) states: "Timeliness. A requestor shall timely file the request with the division's MFDR Section or waive the right to MFDR. The division shall deem a request to be filed on the date the MFDR Section receives the request. A decision by the MFDR Section that a request was not timely filed is not a dismissal and may be appealed pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. (A) A request for MFDR that does not involve issues identified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be filed no later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute." The date of the services in dispute is July 26, 2012. The request for medical dispute resolution was received in the Medical Fee Dispute Resolution (MFDR) section on January 27, 2015. This date is later than one year after the date(s) of service in dispute. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the disputed services do not involve issues identified in §133.307(c)(1)(B). The Division concludes that the requestor has failed to timely file this dispute with the Division's MFDR Section; consequently, the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution.

Conclusion

The Division finds that the requestor has waived the right to medical fee dispute resolution for the services in dispute, as addressed in 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307(c)(1) and (c)(1)(A). For that reason, the merits of the issues raised by the parties to this dispute have not been addressed.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the services in dispute.

Authorized Signature

_____ Signature	_____ Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	<u>3/27/15</u> Date
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YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, *37 Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.